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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Room 2316 K Building

SUBJECT : Operational Risks

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In accordance with our conversation yesterday I list herewith FE Division's ideas of the special operational risks that are entailed in connection with Agency employment abroad.

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1. Travel. This includes very excessive air travel, both on scheduled and non-scheduled routes. It also includes rather marginal air travel, such as getting around [REDACTED]

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2. Health. This will include risk of serious diseases prevalent in the area, general physical disabilities resulting from the climate and conditions and the omnipresent risk to the mental health of the employee which, as you know, can reach its most aggravated form. These risks to health are frequently further aggravated by lack of proper medical attention in some of the areas involved.

3. Hazardous Duty.

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a. Training operations, which of course include [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] training.

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b. Action of the enemy, including enemy agents in friendly countries.

c. Operations in denied areas. It should be noted here that from time to time these operations have been conducted by staff employees without the knowledge or consent of Headquarters, but in furtherance of the basic mission. I raise the point to indicate that there should be no technicalities with respect to appropriate clearance of such operations.

4. Dungeons, both in and outside of denied areas.

5. Civil riots and insurrections.

6. Miscellaneous Items.

a. Coverage of

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a. Coverage of members of the family is of great importance.

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c. It is most important that U. S. contract agents should be covered by such a policy. In their case the risks are frequently greater and insurance coverage available to them is less.

d. I mentioned to you in our conversation that it might be advantageous to provide that the decision of the Agency regarding the date of death should be final if this can be legally achieved.

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Deputy Chief, FE

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